

**CHAPTER NO. 42**

**SENATE BILL NO. 133**

**By Jackson**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 183

By Shepard

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to the qualifications of police officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-106, is amended by deleting subpart (3) and substituting instead the following:

(3) Be a high school graduate or possess its equivalency which shall include a general educational development (GED) certificate or a high school equivalency degree obtained from a correspondence school accredited by the accrediting commission of the Distance Education and Training Council in Washington, D. C. and which is recognized as an equivalency degree by any institution of higher education in Tennessee;

SECTION 2. The provision in Section 1 of this act that permits a high school equivalency degree from a correspondence school to be sufficient proof of a high school education to qualify such person to be a police officer shall cease to be effective one (1) year from the effective date of this act. At such time a high school degree or general educational development (GED) certificate shall be required to satisfy § 38-8-106(3). However, the repeal of this provision shall not disqualify any person who, by virtue of such repealed provision, has become employed as a police officer or has received a certificate of compliance from the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission certifying that the person meets the qualifications required by § 38-8-106, from remaining a police officer or certified as qualified to be a police officer.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 29, 2001

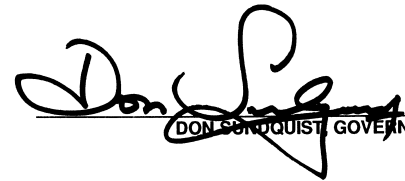


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APPROVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2001



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